

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of the caps on class sizes proposed in Senate Bill 1093, which would take an important step in ensuring that classrooms are places where students can learn, and educators can teach.

I have taught in urban districts for over 15 years and have had multiple experiences with larger than allowed class sizes due to lack of substitutes (that's another issue). When we have more students in our classrooms there are more voices and personalities to control, which in turn makes our job additionally complicated and stressful. Limits on class sizes would allow us to have more successful lessons and know what to expect in that area, which would make us happier. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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